

## **2003 IRS Software Developers Conference e-Services**

Tom Parisi provided an overview of e-services products and how practitioners can get information electronically. Conference participants received a copy of a handout entitled "A guide to Understanding How to Register via the Internet to Conduct Business with the IRS Electronically."

Tom stated that e-services are web-based products that allow practitioners to interact with the IRS electronically. As a result of the IRS Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998, IRS is to achieve 80 percent electronic transactions by 2007. E-services products include registration, PTIN application, e-file application and TIN Matching for payers only.

Tom mentioned that e-services incentive products include disclosure authorization, electronic account resolution, and transcript delivery system.

E-services can be accessed by visiting IRS.gov website. Once at IRS website go to Tax Professionals and then click on e-services. Registration creates an online account for conducting business electronically. It does not grant access to specific e-services. When registering user will be asked to input the following information:

- Name, Birthday, SSN, AGI from current or prior year
- To Choose a User Name and Password
- PIN

All information received is validated from the IRS database and confirmation is sent to the user via mail.

The remainder of Tom's presentation included an example of the e-services registration pages and definitions for PTIN application, disclosure authorization, electronic account resolution, transcript delivery systems. Other highlights of Tom's presentation included questions and answers to:

- Types of inquiries EAR can process
- Submission of TIN Matching requests
- Safety of Data

Tom concluded his presentation by stating that basic e-services will be available in the summer of 2003. Incentives will be released in the fall of 2003.